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## "GO ON, SERGEANT"

These words, spoken by Lieutenant Henry Adair, the first of Oregon's heroes to fall in the war with Mexico, ranks in patriotism with the dying Lawrence's "Don't give up the ship." Adair's name has been added to the long list of America's heroes who thought of country and comrades without giving themselves a thought. The memory of Lieutenant Adair will not be permitted to die; through the years to come his name will be emblazoned on Oregon's honor roll as one of her sons who willingly gave his life blood for his country's sake. A man like Henry Adair would do this unflinchingly and he did it willingly. This is a short tribute to the memory of a departed friend whom we had the honor to know.

## THEIR COUNTRY'S CALL

Answering their country's call, some five hundred men representing Oregon's best blood, are now speeding to the Mexican border. They go to uphold the honor of the flag and the country. All of Oregon wishes them godspeed and takes pride in knowing they were the first mustered in and the first of the National Guard sent to uphold the dignity of the flag. The whole state takes pride in knowing that when the call came, Oregon answered "Ready," and the whole state knows that when Oregon is called on her sons will give a good account of themselves and the commonwealth from which they came. It looks like war; if it be war, some of Oregon's sons will be among the heroes who gave their lives for their country, and those who fall on the battlefield, should there be any, will not be forgotten by the commonwealth whose flag they go to defend. Father and mother do not sing "I Didn't Raise My Son to Be a Soldier," but father, mother and sweetheart, through tears in which patriotism shine, say "Answer your country's call." Godspeed the departing Oregon Third; we are proud of you.

## EYES OF EUROPE ON AMERICA

A London paper in discussing the preparedness now in progress in this country, says the issue is very momentous. Under date of June 17, it says:

"The preparedness issue in America means that the greatest power on the face of the globe has come into the world system to secure herself against war and the effects of war," says Alfred G. Gardiner, editor of the Daily News, in a two-column editorial in that newspaper today.

"So far as the United States is concerned, the forthcoming presidential election is the most momentous since Lincoln was chosen. So far as the world is concerned, it is incomparably more momentous, because it is to decide what America stands for in regard to the future of the world. And with that decision, not the interests of America alone, but the interests of Europe and of the whole earth are bound up.

"The underlying watchword of the preparedness issue which is sweeping the United States is the idea that the power of America should be used to deliver humanity from the toils in which it has been enmeshed by the past; that it should be the weapon of a new dispensation and that the affairs of men shall henceforth be subject to the arbitrament, not of force but of justice.

"The sword which America is forging will be used not to make war but to make war on war and to lay the foundation of world security. It means that America will be the savior of Europe."

## PROSPERITY IN SPOTS

The United States has sold the Allies something like \$350,000,000 worth of munitions in the twenty-one months that the war has been running. That helps some, but it still doesn't offset the losses to American labor and capital as the result of the repeal of the Republican and the enactment of the Democratic tariff law.

Prosperity in spots is better than none—it is the very best the free-traders have ever been able to deliver—but it is far from being a satisfactory substitute for the general, all-round, country-wide prosperity that always obtains in America when the all-American or Republican party is dominant in legislative and administrative affairs at Washington.

When the over seas demand for munitions and war supplies shall cease, there is danger that even the prosperity in spots will execute the fade-away. Experts agree that but for the war our factories would today be operating short-time or short-handed, if not both. Other lines of manufacturing than those engaged in supplying war materials to the Allies have had no difficulty whatever in keeping up

with their orders. This condition justifies the conclusion that but for the extraordinary demands on them as the result of the war the few American factories that are working up to the maximum of their capacity would, along with the others, be suffering from the numbing influence of a tariff policy that never yet has failed adversely to affect American industries every time it was placed on trial.

In other words, but for the war the Underwood tariff long since had demonstrated its close kinship to the other free-trade tariffs before it as a business buster.—Ex.

## BIG BURDEN ON CANADA

According to recently published reports, the operation of the government-owned railway lines in Canada is proving a heavy burden to taxpayers. The figures show a loss of almost \$11,000,000 to the people of Canada. In operation alone the five government railways spent \$102.13 for every \$100 of revenue they earned, whereas, on the other hand, so cheaply were the Canadian privately owned railroads operated that the average operating cost of all the lines thus conducted in the Dominion was brought down to \$73.94 for every \$100 earned. In this, as in every other instance on record where accepted business practice is made subservient to political necessity, the public shoulders the deficit and pays the bills.

"The moral of the Canadian experiment," says the Railroad Employee, "should not be lost to those on this side of the border, and it is to be hoped that it may influence the development of fairness on the part of the public toward the railroads on whose prosperity the welfare of such a substantial percentage of our citizenship in that employment depends."

## SOME FACTS

It is true that the United States government is collecting a greater war tax than during the previous year.

It is true that those working in the war allied trades are receiving more work and higher wages than before the war.

It is true that the workers in these munition establishments are paying out of their death-risk wages a large increase for food and living expenses.

It is true that those not working in said lines, possibly 80 per cent of the community—especially in stores, schools, etc.—the salaried class—are paying war prices, thus making them poorer every day.

The munition worker knows that he will have to do some hustling for other work when the war is over.

The store clerk and the general salaried man know why they are getting along with much more difficulty than ever before.

The store clerk knows that many men will be after his job when the war is over.

It follows that the only financial hope for the worker in a time soon to come is an adequate, protective tariff.

## DIRECT LEGISLATION IN OREGON

The following constitutional amendments were referred to the people of the legislature at the coming general election, November 7: Amend Sec. 15, Art. V, giving the governor power to veto single item in appropriation exemption bills.

Amend Art. IX on tax exemptions by adding section numbered 1-B extending exemptions.

Amend Sec. 6, Art II, relating to negro and mulatto suffrage restrictions now existing.

Petitions are in circulation proposing initiative measures to be voted on at the same general election:

People's Land and Loan Law, providing that all land rent be collected as public taxes, whether the land is used or not.

This is new form of the single tax, and is proposed by W. S. U'Ren and State Labor Federation.

Two Sunday legislation bills are being initiated to repeal the antiquated Oregon Sunday law, but one proposes a more drastic law.

It is what is known as the One-Day-of-Rest-in-Seven law, promoted by a state Sablath closing organization headed by Rev. Tufts.

The act to repeal and abolish the old Oregon Sunday closing law is proposed by the Independent Retail Grocers' Association.

The women of Oregon are initiating a bill to abolish compulsory vaccination and medical treatment, making it optional.

Clackamas County Fishermen's Union initiates a bill barring seines, traps and fishwheels on the Columbia river.

There will probably be some minor measures for county division or removing county seats and possibly ten bills on the ballot.

Somebody blundered when the government, through Secretary Redfield, issued an appeal to the public to save waste paper. There is no sale for the stuff at a price that would pay the freight charges on fifty mile haul, let alone paying expenses of baling and cartage. A little investigation on the part of officials before the appeal was issued would have saved a lot of useless correspondence and given the public generally a higher regard for the opinions of high-up government officials. Will the secretary now please issue a bulletin telling us where we might find a market for this paper?

And now it is predicted by the Democratic press that Mark Weatherford, the Democratic candidate for congress in this district, will make it exceedingly tropical for Congressman Hawley. They claim that if he gets the full Democratic vote, the Prohibition vote and those dissatisfied with Mr. Hawley's record, he will be elected. We heard that same kind of visionary gush two years ago, when a gentleman by the name of Hollister was pitted against Mr. Hawley. Mr. Hawley's majority over Hollister was 18,656.

## INDUSTRIAL REVIEW

Salem, June 26.—Two Oregon wage laws are being reargued in the supreme court at Washington, D. C. The laws give an industrial commission of the state power for the fixing of minimum rates.

Portland, Pendleton and Ashland will ask voters to authorize state normal schools.

As result of conference by traffic managers of three railroads, Willamette Valley lumber manufacturers will have entrance to the markets of Minnesota and the Dakotas through a combination of rates to be applied by the Southern Pacific jointly with the Great Northern and Northern Pacific.

Prof. Gilbert, authority on economies, finds that the aggregate wealth of Oregon is \$1,944,354,463, about 60 per cent of which is real estate. The rest is public utilities, live stock and manufactures in the order named.

Albany will remodel old Central school building for city hall.

Smithfield, Polk county—Farmers Union warehouse to hold 80,000 bushels grain going up.

Eugene—\$4,400 a year has been cut from cost of Eugene schools.

Sunday law will stop 30,000 people working for wages one day in seven.

Medford—July 10 voters will pass on \$200,000 bond for S. S. Ballis of Southern Oregon Traction Co. to build railroad to Blue Lodge mines.

Astoria Machine Co. to be enlarged with \$25,000 new equipment.

Baker—Brewery and ice plant start, after long idleness, on temperance drinks.

Silver Lake Leader slogan: "To help develop Central Oregon and to give all the aid it can to help out the whole state."

Oregon City—Company formed to develop silica deposit near here.

Sutherlin Everfresh Fruit Evaporating plant to resume. The new buildings recently constructed and large amount of machinery installed represent an expenditure of approximately \$20,000, and gives to Sutherlin one of the largest fruit packing concerns on the coast.

Astorian—Last year, for engineers and assistants, the citizens of Astoria spent \$1,000 a month. What have they got to show for it?

Burns—Railroad completed to Crane Creek gap and will soon enter valley.

Roseburg—Federal building will be started July 1.

Lakeview—\$70,000 buildings lost by fire to rebuild of brick and stone.

Marshfield—Schooner Westerner leading half million feet cedar ties.

Astoria—McEachron Shipbuilding Company will double capacity of its plant.

North Powder—Force of men are working the antimony mine 18 miles north and shipping ore to Sumner, Wash.

Ontario—New track being laid between this city and Vale.

Medford—Box factory of 5,000 to 8,000 capacity going up on P & E. Railway.

Astoria putting up fight for submarine base at port of Columbia.

La Grande—Wholesale grocery company will erect branch building here.

Roseburg Review says that city is humming with industry.

Hermiston—Newport Land Co. gets \$32,000 ditch contract.

Newberg cannery recently burned being rebuilt.

Baker—Five-stamp mine for Barry mine. Virtue district ready to operate.

Portland—Two building permits of the past week aggregate \$75,000.

Albany—Discovery of zinc in Black Eagle group of mines is announced. Plan for state-guaranteed bonds for irrigation projects abandoned.

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